



## Summary of Business

### **Excerpts from the Minutes of the EWA Board of Directors meeting**

**held at 6.30pm on 29 July at State Equestrian Centre**

**ATTENDANCE:** A Wilkins (Chair), R Hovell (Vice-Chair) via Zoom, R O'Halloran (Finance Director), G Edwards, A Daniels via Zoom, PA Huntington via Zoom, K Kent

#### **Apologies:**

**In attendance:** Z Acott CEO

#### **Disclosure of Interest**

Anne Wilkins 2024-2026	President, Moora & Districts Horsemans Assoc
Rory Hovell 2024-2026	Showjumping Competitor CEO & Manager Yalambi Farm Stud (Breeder) Yalambi Jumping Classic Show Organiser Member of Equestrian Australia National Jumping Committee Equestrian Coach
Rosalyn O'Halloran (Finance Director) appointed 2024	nil
Geoff Edwards 2022-2024	Daughter is a Jumping competitor and a members of WASJA and Swan River Showjumping Club
PollyAnn Huntington 2022-2024	WAYER Organising Committee (OC), FEI Official, DJTF Committee Member
Alexandra Daniels 2023-2025	Member, Gidgegannup Dressage Club Member, Swan River Dressage Club
Kelly Kent appointed 2023	Son is a 1* Rider ARCA member, Wallangarra Adult Riders - social media, website and committee member

### **General Business**

#### **Equestrian Western Australia**

##### SEC Business Case

CEO provided brief recap of SEC Business Case and identified next steps to proceed. This being appointing a Project Manager, receive tenders for works and the business case development.

Board agreed that:

- (i) The Consultant Advisory Group will consist of CEO, Kelly Kent, Geoff Edwards, and Rosyln O'Halloran, and
- (ii) Rory Hovell will be the EWA Board representative on the Business Case Project Control Group.

##### Annual Elections

CEO proposed timeline for the 2024 Annual Elections outlined on Board Meeting Agenda.

Chair added that Geoff Edwards and PollyAnn Huntington terms end at the end of the year, with both looking to re-stand.

#### Regional Advisory Working Group (RAWG)

CEO presented draft Regional Advisory Working Group Terms of Reference as per the Regional Servicing Strategy and DLGSC funding EWA will receive in 2025.

AD raised, and board agreed to include 'clause (c) at sole discretion of the board' to the grounds of termination section within the Terms of Reference.

**IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to approve Regional Advisory Working Group Terms of Reference pending recommended change.

#### Strategic / Operational Plan Review

CEO presented tracker included in board pack.

CEO raised that the current EWA Strategic Plan finishes at the end of the year, and stated there is a preference from DLGSC that SSA Strategic Plans are 3-5 years.

After robust discussion, it was agreed that the CEO will do a 'first cut' of new four-year plan. To then send to board and disciplines to review and provide feedback.

Chair added that after the proposed 2025-2028 strategic plan is circulated that the Board and State Committee Chairs should meet for the board to provide an EA update and discuss the Strategic direction of the sport for the coming four years as per plan.

#### 2025 Clinic Analysis

CEO presented draft new Clinic costings for 2025 and proposed a new offering for Dressage Protocol Tests as OCs are currently charged at an hour's private hire rate.

Board in favour of new Clinic cost structure and agree a new fee should be established for OC's wanting to run dressage protocol tests.

#### DLGSC Industry Investment Program (IIP)

CEO provided an overview of Industry Investment Program (IIP) funding EWA receives from DLGSC – specially the requirements EWA must fulfil to continue to obtain funding at the current level.

CEO presented the Workforce Development Plan to the board as one of the key deliverables for this funding cycle and provided an update on the Communications and Engagement Plan.

#### Carriage Driving Working Group

CEO advised office received a call regarding a push from Carriage Drivers to join EA.

CEO mentioned there may be a need to establish a Carriage Driving Working Group like the Vaulting Working Group to help the sport progress within WA.

CEO to try and communicate with current Carriage Driving community within WA to seek interest levels for a working group.

Board agreed to establish draft terms of reference for a carriage driving working group.

#### **State Equestrian Centre**

CEO provided an update regarding the State Equestrian Centre (SEC) as outlined in the CEO report in the Board Pack.

Board agreed with recommendation that a letter be sent from Chair to Minister Templeman thanking DLGSC for the funding of indoor arena after a year of operation.

#### **Equestrian Australia**

Chair provided update regarding Equestrian Australia and the recent CEO and Chairs meeting with a few EA board members also present.

As discussed previously Darren Gocher (EA CEO) is on leave and an interim CEO has been appointed in Sam Jones (GM of Sports Operations at EA).

CEO raised current consultation regarding rule changes for EA. After robust discussion, the board agreed an amateur/adult rider membership category could be added to the membership by-laws and subsequent policies for competing at EA official events.

CEO to query other State CEOs on their stance on the matter.

### **Financials**

ROH discussed financial accounts for June, with it tracking nicely and nothing outside of 'business as usual', noting EWA are slightly up on operating profit on last year.

ROH queried whether EWA has received the \$330,000 DLSGSC for the business case, CEO confirmed it was received in July.

CEO advised that the EWA and SEC Insurance has been paid, in line with expectations of CPI increase and only one insurance claim in 2023/2024.

### **OSH/Risk Management**

nil

### **Correspondence**

In:

Out:

### **EWA Committee Minutes**

- (i) Dressage – May minutes
- (ii) Eventing – May minutes
- (iii) Eventing – June minutes
- (iv) Jumping – June minutes
- (v) Show Horse – May minutes